(d) if so. the details thereof; and

(e) its likely effect on our society?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) and (b) The Department is propagating Ayurveda through its Information. Education and Communication (IEC) pro-gramme. The Department is also participating in various health melas and exhibition to spread the knowledge of Ayurveda and other systems.

(c) and (d) The Department is aware that such traditional knowledge needs to be documented and validated. Documentation work had been started by the Reasearch Council. The validation work has not started.

(e) Validation of such claims will broaden the medicinal treatment and intervention available at present.

Approval to new Ayurveda Colleges

4090. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have directed the Central Council for Indian Medicine to accord approvals to new Ayurveda Colleges in States;

(b) if so. the details thereof;

(c) whether any applications submitted by the Stale of Kerala for starting Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani Colleges are pending;

(d) if so. the details thereof;

(e) whether, any applications for starting new courses and increasing seats in the existing colleges have also been pending; and

(f) if so. the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Central Council of Indian Medicine, New Delhi have informed that applications from (i) Santhigiri Ashram, (ii) Vishnu Pharmeceuticals & Nursing Home. Paghat, (iii) Pankajakasturi Hernal Research Foundation,

Trivandrum and (iv) Santhigiri Ashram. Thiruvananlhapuram (Siddha) have been received this year.

(e) and (f) Central Council of Indian Medicine, New Delhi have informed the position as under :—

(1) Government Ayurved College, Tripunithura—College has requested to increase the intake capacity from 30—50 and to start P.G. Course in Shalya. Rasahastra and Panchkarma. As it is Government College, consent of University and State Government has been asked which is still awaited.

(2) Government Ayurved College, Kannur—The college requested permission to start P.G. Course in Rachna Sharir. Kriya Sharir and Roga Nidan. Permission was granted for 2001-2002 to strat P.G. Course in Kriya Sharir and Roga Nidan. The College has not been permitted to conduct P. G. Course in Rachno Sharir because there was only one Lecturer in the Department.

(3) VPS Varrier Ayurved College, Kottakkal—College requested permission to start P.G. Course in Swasthvritta and Shalya. College was asked to obtain and forward the consent of University which is still awaited.

Opening of Homoeopathic Research Centres

†4091. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWAR1 : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether while inaugurating a-Homoeopathy Conference in Delhi he had made any announcement to open Homoeopathic Research Centres on the pattern of Allopathic Centres in various hospitals;

(b) if so, the names of hospitals where such Homoeopathic Research Centres will be opened;

(c) by when these centres will start functioning: and

(d) The proposed allocation of funds for opening Homoeopathic Research Centres in the year 2002-03?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.